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A BILL FOR

1 An Act creating a task force to provide a statewide assessment
2 of veterans' and military service members' needs.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. VETERANS' NEEDS ASSESSMENT TASK FORCE.

2 1. The department of veterans affairs shall convene a task
3 force of stakeholders to conduct a veterans' needs assessment.
4 In addition, the needs assessment shall include an assessment
5 of the needs of current members of the national guard, reserve,
6 or regular component of the armed forces of the United States.

7 2. Membership on the task force shall include
8 representatives of the commission of veterans affairs, the
9 county commissions of veteran affairs, the military division
10 of the department of public defense, the department of human
11 services, the department of workforce development, the Iowa
12 finance authority, the council on homelessness, the community
13 colleges, and the board of regents.

14 3. The task force shall develop a statewide evaluation
15 system to assess the needs of veterans and service members.
16 Items for consideration by the task force shall include but not
17 be limited to the following:

- 18 a. Access to benefits.
- 19 b. Employment.
- 20 c. Education.
- 21 d. Housing and homelessness.
- 22 e. Financial literacy and poverty.
- 23 f. Health, mental health, and other health-related systems.
- 24 g. Family needs.
- 25 h. Substance abuse.
- 26 i. Infrastructure for the provision of services to veterans
27 and members.

28 4. The task force shall survey veterans' and members' needs
29 throughout the different counties and regions of the state and
30 shall submit a report containing findings and recommendations
31 to the general assembly by January 15, 2014.

32 5. The department of veterans affairs shall provide staff
33 assistance and administrative support to the task force.

34 EXPLANATION

35 This bill creates a veterans' needs assessment task force

1 convened by the department of veterans affairs. The task force
2 shall conduct a veterans' needs assessment which also addresses
3 the needs of current members of the national guard, reserve,
4 or regular component of the armed forces of the United States.
5 The task force shall collaborate to survey veterans' and
6 service members' needs throughout the state and shall submit a
7 report containing findings and recommendations to the general
8 assembly by January 15, 2014.

9 Membership on the task force shall include representatives
10 of the commission of veterans affairs, the county commissions
11 of veteran affairs, the military division of the department
12 of public defense, the department of human services, the
13 department of workforce development, the Iowa finance
14 authority, the council on homelessness, the community colleges,
15 and the board of regents.